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DECLARATION

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1. KILLICK CALLED THIS AFTERNOON ON HIS RETURN FROM BONN TO GIVE US A HASTY ACCOUNT OF HOW THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS DEALT WITH THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL FOR A MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION. KILLICK SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION AT LUNCH YESTERDAY, APRIL 18, ATTENDED ONLY BY THE NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS, WHICH HAD NOT BEEN EASY, ESPECIALLY AS FAR AS THE ITALIANS WERE CONCERNED. KILLICK SAID VERY CANDIDLY THAT THEY HAD BEHAVED STUPIDLY. KILLICK HAD STUCK
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ON APRIL 16 (REFTEL). KILLICK SAID THE GERMANS HAD GIVEN GOOD SUPPORT AND VAN WELL HAD BEEN ESPECIALLY HELPFUL. BRIEFLY, THE ISSUE OF THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL FOR A SEPARATE DECLARATION ON THE MEDITERRANEAN HAD NOT BEEN RESOLVED, BUT IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT THE WHOLE ISSUE WOULD BE TAKEN UP NEXT WEEK ON APRIL 22 IN THE NAC WHEN THERE WOULD BE A DISCUSSION OF CSCE. KILLICK ALSO NOTED THAT VAN WELL WOULD BE DISCUSSING THE WHOLE QUESTION IN GREATER DETAIL TODAY WITH AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND.

2. DURING THE LUNCHEON DISCUSSION, THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM, KILLICK SAID, OF THE U.S. OBJECTIONS TO A SEPARATE DECLARATION ON THE MEDITERRANEAN, AND SEVERAL POLITICAL DIRECTORS CONTENDED THAT THE U.S. CASE WAS NOT SOLIDLY BASED. KILLICK TOLD US THAT HE HAD TAKEN THE LINE THAT WHETHER OR NOT THE U.S. OBJECTIONS WERE OBJECTIVELY VALID, THE U.S. FEELINGS ABOUT THE MATTER WERE A REAL FACT AND THAT THERE WAS A PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEM FOR THE AMERICANS WHICH THE NINE HAD BETTER TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT. HE SUMMED UP THE DISCUSSION BY SAYING THAT FURTHER ACTION ON THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL AT GENEVA HAD BEEN STOPPED PENDING FULL DISCUSSION IN NATO. HE THEN WENT ON TO URGE THAT THE U.S. SHOULD PREPARE A VERY CAREFUL AND PERSUASIVE CASE, AND HE HOPED AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD WOULD BE GIVEN THE FULLEST POSSIBLE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK.

3. KILLICK CONCLUDED BY ADDING THAT THE ITALIANS HAD ADMITTED AT THE LUNCHEON THAT THEY HAD NOT DISCUSSED THEIR PROPOSAL WITH THE ISRAELIS BUT THAT THE INTENDED TO DO SO NOW.

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